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Applicant(s): Sheridan et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1646  
Serial No.: 09/727,739 ) Examiner: R. Li  
Confirmation No.: 4181 )  
Filed: December 1, 2000 )  
For: SOMATOSTATINS AND METHODS )

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We are transmitting the following documents along with this Transmittal Sheet (which is submitted in triplicate):

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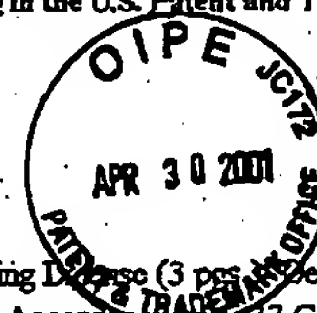
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THIS APPLN CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/168,934 12/03/1999

## Foreign Applications

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For:	<u>SOMATOSTATINS AND METHODS</u>			

**PETITION FOR RETROACTIVE FOREIGN FILING LICENSE**

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Dear Sir:

Petition is hereby made for a retroactive foreign filing license under 35 U.S.C. §184 and 37 C.F.R. §5.14. Applicants have also provided herewith the Declaration of Victoria A. Sandberg under 37 C.F.R. §5.25(a)(3).

The following Canadian patent application was filed on December 1, 2001.

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Applicant(s):	Mark A. Sheridan Jeffrey D. Kittelson Craig A. Moore
Serial No.:	2,325,169 (Canada)
Filed:	December 1, 2000
For:	SOMATOSTATINS AND METHODS

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U.S. Applications concerning the subject matter with respect to which this retroactive license is requested are identified as follows:

*Petition For Retroactive Foreign Filing License*  
*Applicant(s): SHERIDAN et al.*  
*Serial No.: 09/727,739*  
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*For: SOMATOSTATINS AND METHODS*

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Serial No.:	60/168,934 (United States)	Examiner:	Not Assigned
Filed:	December 3, 1999		
For:	NOVEL SOMATOSTATINS AND METHODS		
Foreign Filing License granted December 28, 1999.			

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Filed:	December 1, 2000		
For:	SOMATOSTATINS AND METHODS		
Foreign Filing License granted January 19, 2001.			

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Applicants submit that the priority document (United States Patent Application Serial No. 60/168,934 ) was granted a foreign filing license on December 28, 1999, and that any additional material included in the Canadian application did not alter the general nature of the invention described in the priority document, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §5.15. Applicants further submit that the corresponding U.S. utility application (United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/727,739), which is essentially identical to the Canadian application, was granted a foreign filing license on January 19, 2001.

Applicants believe that the material disclosed in the Canadian application is within the scope of the foreign filing license granted December 28, 1999, in connection with the priority document (United States Patent Application Serial No. 06/168,934). Thus, this request for Foreign Filing License is submitted as a precautionary measure.


It is submitted that, if and to the extent the Canadian application contains subject matter that is not within the scope of the foreign filing license granted on December 28, 1999, in United

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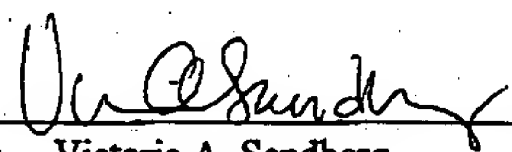
States Patent Application Serial No. 60/168,934, the Canadian application was filed abroad through error and without deceptive intent. It is further submitted that the application does not disclose an invention within the scope of 35 U.S.C. §181.

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<b>CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:</b>
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Respectfully submitted,  
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DECLARATION OF VICTORIA A. SANDBERG UNDER 35 U.S.C. 184  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §5.25(a)(3)

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Dear Sir:

I, Victoria A. Sandberg, declare and say as follows:

1. This Declaration is made in support of the Petition for Retroactive Foreign Filing License in the above-captioned matter under 35 U.S.C. §184 and 37 C.F.R. §§5.14 and 5.25 (a)(3), concerning subject matter disclosed in Canadian Patent Application Serial No. CA 2,325,169, filed December 1, 2000.
2. The above-captioned patent application is a nonprovisional U.S. application that claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/168, 934, filed December 3, 1999.
3. The above-captioned patent application is identical in all material respects to the Canadian Patent Application Serial No. CA 2,325,169, filed December 1, 2000.

**Declaration**

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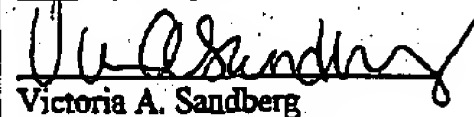
4. A foreign filing license was granted in U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/168,934 on December 28, 1999 (copy attached as Exhibit A).
5. A foreign filing license was granted in the above-captioned patent application on January 19, 2001 (copy attached as Exhibit B).
6. The subject matter described in Canadian Patent Application CA 2,325,169, was not under a secrecy order at the time it was filed (December 1, 2000), and it is not currently under a secrecy order.
7. It is my belief that any new material included in the Canadian application does not alter the general nature of the invention described in the priority document, U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/168,934, with respect to which a foreign filing license was granted on December 28, 1999.
8. Although I believe that the foreign filing license granted in the priority document encompasses the subject matter described in the Canadian patent application, I submit that upon reviewing the file in March 2001, and noting that a foreign filing license specifically directed to the added material was not obtained prior to filing the Canadian application, this petition for a retroactive foreign filing license was diligently sought as a precautionary measure.
9. If and to the extent a separate foreign filing license on the added subject matter is determined to be necessary, the Canadian patent application was filed through error and without deceptive intent due to the short amount of time between Applicants' decision to file a patent application in Canada and the Paris Convention date.

**Declaration****Applicant(s):** SHERIDAN et al.**Serial No.:** 09/727,739**Filed:** December 1, 2000**For:** SOMATOSTATINS AND METHODS

10. Pursuant to Applicants' instructions, we opened a file for the Canadian patent application on November 30, 2000, just four days prior to the Paris Convention date of December 3, 2000. Application drafting was not complete until just two days in advance of the Paris Convention date.

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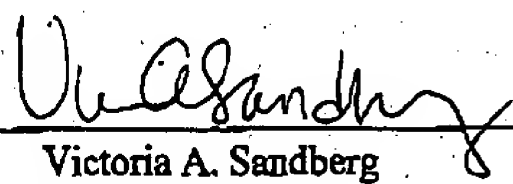
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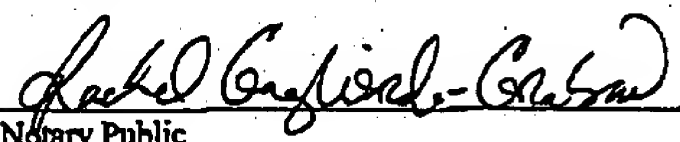
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On this 25 day of April, 2001 before me personally appeared Victoria A. Sandberg  
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same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

  
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PROVISIONAL APPLICATION  
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